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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
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SUBJ: THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING- 8 DAYS LATER

1. THOUSANDS OF GERMAN POLICEMEN IN ONE OF WEST GERMANY'S LARGEST MANHUNTS SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED HANNS-MARTIN SCHLEYER AND HIS FIVE (OR MORE) ABDUCTORS.
2. A SURPRISINGLY LONG AND NON-CLIMACTIC EIGHT DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE DARING, MURDEROUS ATTACK, MONDAY, SEPT. 5. (U)
3. THE POLICE BELIEVE THEY KNOW THE IDENTITY OF TWO OF THE KIDNAPPERS, AND HAVE PRINTED HANDOUTS TO BE USED PUBLICLY, IF THE EVIDENCE INDICATES THE HOSTAGE IS DEAD. (C)

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4. THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST THE LATEST HAND-WRITTEN MESSAGE INDICATED SCHLEYER WAS STILL ALIVE BUT DETERIORATING FAST. (C)
5. LAST NIGHT THE LATEST IN THE SERIES OF KIDNAPPER IMPOSED DEADLINES PASSED WITH NO GOVERNMENTAL GIVE-IN. THE KIDNAPPERS SAY THEY ARE TIRING OF THIS DELAY. THE

GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING FOR TIME, HOPING TO FIND OUT WHERE THE "PEOPLE'S PRISON" IS. THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION A FEW DAYS AGO AND RAIDED IT BUT WERE WRONG. (C)

6. THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION TO THE KIDNAPPERS THAT IT MIGHT EXCHANGE BAADER AND 10 OTHERS JUST TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN, AND MAYBE RESCUE SCHLEYER IN THE MEANWHILE. MOST PUBLIC OPINION OPPOSES A SWAP. THE INSIDE-VIEW OF MOST POLICE IS THAT NO EXCHANGE WILL OCCUR. (C)

7. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY SPECIFIC THREAT AGAINST ANY AMERICAN TARGETS BUT WE CANNOT BANK ON KNOWING IN ADVANCE. (C)

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